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Supplement to Proposed Agenda for Applicant Initiated Interview - For Discussion Purposes Only

Interview Scheduled for May 27, 2009 at 10:00 am ET

**PATENT** 

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## PROPOSED AGENDA FOR APPLICANT INITIATED TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview in this case. The interview is scheduled for May 27, 2009 at 10:00 am ET. Applicant's representative will contact the Examiner at 571-272-5536 at the designated time.

Applicant wishes to discuss a possible claim amendment. An example claim amendment is included on the following page for discussion purposes. Claim 23 is amended to better clarify the limitation of performing all steps of the backup process in a certain sequence.

Applicant further wishes to discuss the distinction between Applicant's invention and the cited references, namely Maffezzoni and Kawano. The cited references fail to disclose all limitations as required in the proposed amendment. In particular, none of the prior art discloses, express or implied, the particular sequence of performing the process of creating a backup copy of data. Furthermore, none of the prior art discloses, "saving the user area to a second storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and the copied contents of the protected area" as required in claim 23.

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## **DRAFT AMENDMENT**

Claim 23 (Currently amended): A method of creating a backup copy of data comprising:

booting to a protected area of a first storage device;

after booting, copying contents of the protected area of the first storage device to a user area of the first storage device;

booting rebooting to the user area of [[a]] the first storage device; and

<u>after rebooting</u>, saving the user area to a second storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and the copied contents of the protected area.